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# *Friends of Michigan History, Inc.*

## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Michigan Historical Museum**

**Lansing, Michigan**

**December 8, 2008**

### **Call to Order**

President Bus Spaniola called the of the Board of Directors (Board) meeting of the Friends of Michigan History, Inc. (Friends) to order at 10:00 AM.

*Board Members Present:* Larry Griffin, Keith Harrison, John Irwin, Richard Johnson, Bus Spaniola, Charles Seeley, Morris Thomas, Paul Tarr, Tom Truscott, Ralph Sims, Louise Stilwill, Geneva Kebler Wiskemann and Bill Wellman.

*Board Members Absent:* David Brickey, Adriana Greci Green, and Rose Moye.

*Board Members Excused:* Adriana Greci Green and Rose Moye.

*Michigan Historical Museum (Museum) Staff Present:* Chris Dancisak.

*Guests Present:* None

### **Approval of Agenda**

***A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented; motion passed.***

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

***A motion was made and seconded to approve as transmitted the minutes from the November 2008 Board meeting; motion passed.***

### **President Report**

President Spaniola reported that the Jeff Haas Quintet Jazz program financial reconciliation was completed. The Friends lost \$163.00. Given that this was the first program that the Friends had done, this was not considered very bad. On the bright side, it was reported that the Friends made \$60.99 on the Barnes and Nobel event.

President Spaniola also reported on his conversation with Board member David Brickey regarding Mr. Brickey's desire to remain on the Friends' Board. President Spaniola indicated that Mr. Brickey would be getting back to him in a couple of week regarding his decision.

### **Budget Report**

The Board's Executive reported that it had met and that it has come up with a proposed budget for the fiscal year 2008/09. Treasurer Johnson presented the following proposed budget to the Board for its consideration.

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## Proposed 2008/09 Friends Budget

### Income

Memberships and Donations \$10,000

### Expenses:

Fayette (Memberships)	200	
Walker Tavern (Memberships)	200	
Board Administration	200	
Museum Programs	5,000	
Archives Preservation Projects	1,000	
Board Sponsored Programs	1,900	
Donations	1,000	
Awards (Michigan History)	<u>500</u>	
Total Expenses		\$10,000

***A motion was made and seconded to approve the above proposed budget; motion passed.***

## Treasurer Report

<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>11-01-08</b>	<b>12,491.87</b>
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	1,688.36	<u>+1,688.36</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14,180.22</b>

<b>Checks and Fees</b>	1354	Love	200.00	
	1389	Averill	43.44	
	1392	DMB	392.23	
	1393	DMB	721.57	
	1394	Averill	147.01	
	1395	Ryal	150.00	
	1396	Quinn	50.00	
	1397	Roose	150.00	
	1398	Weiner	213.29	
	1399	Herman	50.00	
	1400	Griffin	111.13	
	1401	Engraving	80.03	
	1403	Carroll	50.00	
	1404	Bromfield	60.35	
	1405	Fort Wayne	200.00	
	1407	Engraving	86.39	
	1409	Averill	33.98	
		New Checks	<u>60.00</u>	
	Total		2,799.42	- 2,799.42
<b>BALANCE</b>		11-03-08		<b>11,380.80</b>

<b>Uncashed Checks</b>	1391	Fayette	33.20	
	1402	Crasnow	400.00	
	1406	Archives	500.00	
	1408	O'Dell	498.05	
	1410	Dancizak	131.60	
	1411	WLNZ	<u>1,011.72</u>	
<b>Total</b>			2,574.57	- 2,574.57

**AVAILABLE FUNDS**

**11-30-08**

**8,806.23**

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***A motion was made and seconded to approve, as transmitted, the Treasurer's report for the period November 1 – November 30 with a notation that \$50.00 of the Available Fund balance is specifically set aside for the use of a Benevolence fund and, therefore, not available for use by the Friends for anything else.***

### **Presentation of Bills**

There were no new bills presented. A series of bills were presented; however, all of them had been approved previously at earlier Board meetings. No action was required.

### **Museum Report**

Chris Dancisak reported that the Winterfest program brought in approximately 600 visitors to the Museum and that the first in the series of Michigan State University music concerts was held last Sunday. Chris indicated that the Michigan Roadside Attraction Exhibit opens January 10, 2009. The Grand Opening will take place on January 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The Friends Board is invited to attend.

Chris indicated that the state is anticipating receiving a one to two percent budget cut shortly and that more may result following the Legislative Revenue Conference that will take place in January.

### **Committee Reports**

A. *2009 Veterans Day Program Committee (Paul Tarr and Larry Griffin – Co chairs): No report.*

B. *Membership Committee (Keith Harrison – Chair). No report.*

C. *Board Nominating Committee (Charles Seeley and Tom Truscott). No report.*

D. *Magazine/Military Committee (Paul Tarr – Chair). No report.*

E. *Grants Committee (Adriana Greci Green - Chair). No report.*

F. *Newsletter Committee (Paul Tarr and Bill Wellman Co-chairs). The newsletter is close to being done. It was suggested that all additions of the newsletter should address Collette Travel opportunities. Morris Thomas inquired about the possibility of placing an advertisement for a book that he and others are completing on Michigan geography. It was suggested that he should get together with the Newsletter Co-chairs.*

G. *Fund Raising Committee (Bus Spaniola - Chair). The items for this committee were addressed under the President's Report.*

H. *Calendar (2010) Committee (Tom Truscott & Rose Moyer). The committee indicated that work on the 2010 calendar was progressing.*

### **Old Business**

A. Events – Larry Griffin indicating that the Michigan History Magazine representatives have indicated that the Friends could have at its display table the Friends Membership Brochures at the upcoming February 9 - 10, 2009 Michigan Council of Social Studies Conference in Grand Rapids. Volunteer Board members who could possibly help staff the table should contact Larry. Larry indicated that Board members who staff programs such as the upcoming Grand Rapids

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program and other programs where the Friends display is at need to start getting email addresses from prospective members in order to allow the Board to follow up with these individuals.

A. *License Plates*. President Spaniola indicated the he is pursuing this issue with newly elected legislator Mike Huckelberry from Greenville in order to see if this can finally be done.

B. *IRS Group Exemption Application Status*. There has been no notification regarding the Friends' letter application to the Internal Revenue Service for a Group Exemption Number.

C. *Archives*. No discussion took place.

D. *Telephonic Board Attendance*. Nothing has changed since the last meeting. The Board's current meeting location on the 1st floor of the Museum does not have telephonic capability.

### **New Business**

A. *Member Mixer for Michigan Travel Bureau*. Chris Dancisak indicated that the Michigan Travel Bureau was planning to hold a Member Mixer on January 15, 2009 (4:30 – 7:00 PM) at the Museum. He requested the consideration of the Friends in helping to support the cost of food and beverages (up to \$750) for this mixer and also to attend the program.

***A motion was made and seconded to financially support, up to \$750, the Michigan Travel Bureau Member Mixer program; motion passed.***

B. *Legislative Reception*. The concept of the Friends holding a reception for Michigan Legislators was discussed.

***It was moved and seconded that the Board proceed with the planning for a reception scheduled for sometime in March; motion passed***

A committee (Legislative Reception Committee) was created with Paul Tarr as Chair and members Bus Bill Wellman, Keith Harrison and Bus Spaniola.

C. *Michigan History Commission*. A short discussion took place about the possibility of the Friends sending a delegation to the Michigan History Commission with a suggestion that Friends offer its assistance (where it would be useful) to the Commission with its various Michigan History programs and projects.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectively submitted,

*Keith G. Harrison*

Keith G. Harrison, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Friends of Michigan History, Inc.

**The next Board meeting will be Monday, January 12, 2008, in Lansing.**